

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as not enabled, under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Mohilef. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter contained in original claim 3 indicated to be allowable, and has cancelled claims 3 and 10. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 11 have been amended to conform to the cancellation of claims 3 and 10.

As amended, claim 1 recites the method of producing jerked meat rawhide chew toys by forming rawhide chew toys, immersing meat in a treatment solution that comprises propylene glycol, sorbitol, vitamin C, potassium sorbate, polyphosphate, sodium nitrite and water for 6 hours to maintain the meat fresh, processing the meat to increase the meat taste, **coating the rawhide chew toys with meat** and drying the rawhide chew toy coated with meat.

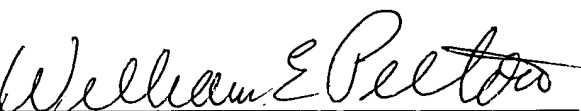
In contrast, Mohilef et al. disclose a pet chew comprising of an inner bone or bone-like core and at least one outer edible tubular wrapper layer composed of dried animal viscera or other tubular food product compositions. Mohilef et al. do not disclose the treatment solution of amended claim 1. Moreover in Mohilef et al. the outer layer is made from **tubular and elastic** offal or animal viscera, such as the esophagus, intestines or stomach. The outer layer is also made from **cylindrical** extruded jerky material. The outer layer **is placed around** the inner bone or bone-like core and then shrunk to conform to the inner bone or bone-like core. Therefore, the outer layer in Mohilef et al. must be tubular or cylindrical form. In applicant's invention as claimed the meat is directly coated on the rawhide.

As a result of the foregoing, applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11-15 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the

Examiner feels would best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

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